

**REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 2, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Eugene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Caldwell, Laurie Boivin, Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Keith Tourtillott, Betty Jo Wozniak, and David A. Waupoose Sr. MEMBERS ABSENT: Kenneth A. Fish (Unexcused). Also present: Renita Corn, Kristi Arnold, Annette Westphal, Gary Pyawasay, Jennifer Gauthier, Marlin Waupoose, and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. Eugene Caldwell requested a moment of silence.

3. Approval of Minutes dated May 5, 2009.

No corrections necessary.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Tribal Office Boardroom. Second was by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Waupoose), and 1 absent (Fish).

4. Keshena Animal Help and Rescue Services Funding Request: New Building.

Richard Bugler was not present to update the Committee on the construction plans for the new building.

Motion made by Laurie Boivin to table item # 4. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (Fish).

5. FY 2010 Revenue Projections

The Committee discussed the revenue cap for Fiscal Year 2010. The Tribe is \$1.4 million short from last year's revenue amount. This is due to the following: 1- Health Care, Burial, and Education funds are below the original amount that was invested; 2 - The projected revenue is one million short from last year's projections; 3 – Removing the Chairman's and Legal Staff's Budget from the IDC pool to the Tribal Budget; and 4 – Programs were allowed to spend more in FY 2009 than in FY 2008.

There is stimulus money that will be allocated to the Tribe this year, which may assist the Tribe with the deficit amount. Setting the indirect cost amount might assist with the deficit. The Committee agreed that the remedy is not taking money out of the reserve accounts to balance the budgets; but to roll the tribal programs back to Fiscal Year 2008 spending levels. This is a realistic approach to resolving this problem.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to recommend to the Legislature to set the Fiscal Year 2010 revenue cap at the proposed amount of \$11,152,711 and that establishes our proposed shortfall at 8.79 percent. Second was by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (Fish).

6. Space Rental Cost

Marlin Waupoose presented to the Committee the proposed space rental increases for Fiscal Year 2010. The Tribe is also making tribal buildings more cognizant of heating by replacing the thermostats with computer controls that only can be programmed by the Maintenance Department. The figures presented to the Committee represent a 10 percent increase based on the recommendations of the fuel supplier.

The Recreation Building is being renovated this summer which will increase the square footage. This figure will need to be recalculated to reflect the correct square footage.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Legislature to set the Space Rental Rate for Fiscal Year 2010 for: 1) Tribal Headquarters at \$17.31 per square foot; 2) Gordon Dickie (FIC Building) at \$15.04 per square foot; 3) Legal Services Building at \$8.92 per square foot; 4) Recreation – for Maintenance bring back a revised square footage amount, and 5) Library at \$13.18 per square foot. Second was by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Waupoose), and 1 absent (Fish).

Marlin Waupoose will get the revised figure to Tribal Administration so that the space rental information can be announced at the Director's Meeting.

(David Waupoose left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.)

7. MITW Cost Containment Measures

Jeremy Weso updated the Committee on the Cost Containment Measures that were implemented, and informed the Committee on the 2010 budget process schedule. We needed to know what the revenue cap was going to be set at; what the space rental will be calculated at; what the health care rates will be set at; and what the COLA rate will be.

Payroll informed Tribal Administration that the COLA rate will be increased to 5.3 percent. This increase is based on last year's social security amount. The Tribe can not afford this amount. The Committee agreed to continue with the same level as last year's.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature that the COLA rate beginning January 1, 2010 is limited to 2.7 percent (same as 2009). Second was by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Fish and Waupoose).

Tribal Administration still needs the Governmental Affairs Committee to approve the Health Care rates from the Insurance Department.

Kathy Kaquatosh informed the Committee that IDC Directors will need to revise their budgets by 2 percent and to place this amount into an unbudgeted line item.

Jeremy Weso updated the Committee on the Cultural Museum construction project. MTE will donate what lumber they can towards the project as stipulated by MTL motion.

8. Adjournment.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Fish and Waupoose).

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office